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FM AMEMBASSY MANAMA  
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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMEMBASSY DOHA  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
AMEMBASSY MUSCAT  
AMEMBASSY ROME

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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT; MRN 1491 VICE 1492)

ROME FOR RCAA

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAIR, XF  
SUBJECT: JOINT ARAB AIR SERVICE TO U.S.

REF: STATE 156146

1. ADLI DAJANI WAS TRAVELLING IN SINGAPORE-BANGKOK  
REGION AND ALL OTHER GULFAIR CONTACTS IN BAHRAIN REQUESTED  
THAT EMBOFF AWAIT HIS RETURN TO SEEK INFO REQUESTED IN  
REFTEL. UNFORTUNATELY AS DAJANI ARRIVED HERE HE WAS  
INFORMED OF DEATH OF RELATIVE IN BEIRUT AND TRAVELLED  
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IMMEDIATELY THERE. DAJANI PLANS TO TRAVEL ON TO  
MONTREAL AND U.S. FROM BEIRUT.

2. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH OTHER GULFAIR OFFICIALS  
EMBASSY GAINED DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT, WITH EXCEPTION  
OF DAJANI, GULFAIR IS TAKING FOLLOWING ROLE IN DISCUSSIONS  
OF JOINT ARAB AIR SERVICES. MOST GULFAIR OFFICIALS WE

KNOW -- INCLUDING GOB'S BOARD MEMBER -- WOULD PREFERHLLI  
LEAVE POSITION OPEN TO ESTABLISH OWN ROUTE TO U.S. IN  
ABOUT TWO YEARS. MAIN DRIVING FORCE FOR JOINT SERVICES  
APPEARS TO BE ALIA WITH SAUDIA COOLEST TOWARD IDEA.

3. DAJANI IS KNOWN TO FAVOR JOINT ARAB SERVICES AND WE  
SUSPECT HE MAY HAVE A PERSONAL STAKE IN SUCH ARRANGEMENTS.  
HE NEGOTIATED CONVERSATION OF EXISTING ALIA SERVICE BETWEEN  
BAHRAIN AND AMMAN INTO JOINT SERVICE ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL  
FLOWN WITH ALIA EQUIPMENT AND COLORS AND IS CONTINUATION  
OF ALIA SERVICE AMMAN/SINGAPORE. THERE ARE OTHER "JOINT"  
SERVICES BETWEEN GULFAIR AND ARAB AIRLINES WHICH ARE ON  
PAPER ONLY WITH ONE LINE OR THE OTHER CONTINUING ALREADY  
EXISTING SERVICES. DAJANI HAS TALKED FOR SOME TIME WITH  
KUWAIT AIRWAYS ABOUT JOINT CARGO SERVICES INCLUDING  
ONE TO THE U.S..

4. DAJANI OCCUPIES, IN EFFECT, THE SENIOR OPERATING  
POSITION IN GULFAIR FOR ALL MATTERS EXCEPT FINANCIAL  
AND TECHNICAL. HE APPEARS TO HAVE SOMEWHAT MORE  
INFLUENCE WITHIN THE AIRLINE AT PRESENT THAN HIS  
FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL COLLEAGUES. HOWEVER, WE DO  
NOT BELIEVE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO SWING GULFAIR  
INTO THE LEAD WITH ALIA ON THE QUESTION OF JOINT  
SERVICES UNLESS OTHER LP ES, PARTICULARLY SAUDIA,  
BECOME VERY ENTHUSIASTIC.  
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